

AN OLD SAILOR'S YARN

A STORY OF HARDSHIP AND DEATH IN THE ANTARCTIC OCEAN.

A Boat Crew of Seven Men Left on an Island and Not Called For—Six of the Unfortunates Finally Lost Their Lives. Some Idea of the Place.

Captain Eldridge, of the steamer Catharine Whiting, is one of those lucky, old-time tars who used to start off from some New England port in a sailing vessel which would return only after a voyage of two or three years.

Well, they were to stay there until the schooner returned, which would be in ten days at most. So ten days' provisions were given them, and when ten days had expired the men, still on the vessel, were left to their own devices.

Well, the season was so far gone that the few seals, or elephants, or other animals that inhabit this part of the globe had gone into the sea for winter. But, however, they did manage to get a few seals and elephants and other animals, and on this they lived until spring.

In the spring they concluded to go back to Cape Sheriff and kill all the seals they could before the ice began to arrive. When they would make some bargain to take home the skins.

So, without any provisions, they started back, not on going out the straits they got jammed in the ice and were unable to back over to the Cape Sheriff.

We buried the remains of the others in the snow. King then went on board of the bark Nile, and from her went on board of the schooner Z. P. Simons and came to New London, where he was killed.

Now, I will give you all the information I can as to why they were left there. It was late in the season and the winds would not permit of the schooner getting back to town. So she sailed for home.

Now, I will give you some idea of the place. It is in from 61 to 63 degs. south latitude and the land is of volcanic origin, sprang up out of blue water and rising in the clouds with snows of ice.

There are no shells on the rocks—it is perfect desolation. In the birds of all kinds—that is, the birds of high latitude—are here to breed their young.

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A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

George William Curtis' Treatment of an Ambitious Young Reporter.

Some fifteen or seventeen years ago I was a reporter on the staff of the Chicago papers. I had only been a little while in the business, and I was both green and ambitious.

As he turned to say a word or two to the clerk I stepped up behind him and saw what he had written in the paper. It was "George William Curtis, New York."

He turned and looked at me in the kindest way. I shall never forget the gentleness and good nature that beamed upon me from his eyes and his voice.

What could have been more thoughtful and considerate to the raw young reporter? It has always seemed to me that there could not have been anything sadder calculated to give me my embarrassment and make me feel at home.

But, however, another trial. Four refused to go, but three of them took another boat which was left by accident.

"I've been alone since last November," said a woman who landed in New York a few days ago, "and my experience has been one of the most interesting I have ever had."

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Taking Dickens Down.

"I am a great admirer of the works of Charles Dickens, but I had a very poor opinion of the man," said L. C. Court-

"Dickens was a crank of a very ordinary class. Many peculiarities were properly excused in a man of genius, but boundless egotism and bad taste are not qualities which can be excused."

"That morning Dickens was in great good humor and full of talk. 'Have,' he said, 'found an almost exact counterpart of Little Nell.'"

"What's the matter now?" the excited man was asked. "Matter, sir, matter!" he exclaimed.

"Why, you can't tell whom you can see on this morning in a responsible position, respected and looked up to by society, and before you have time to say to yourself, 'He's all right,' he's eluded you in a horse trade or skippin' some money."

The first chief cause of his condition is in a man's attention being directed to himself. The man who is quite at ease in his office—his usefulness is often an attribute of the male sex.

All the world admires and wonders at the American ax-belve. The American ax-belve is a thing that is generally curved and gracefully fashioned handle is a marvellously effective weapon.

"I was too young to understand the temper of the French, who, when their rulers were concerned, and though at the time of my writing these notes, I doubt lived for fifty years among them, I doubt I could give a successful psychological account of their mental attitude toward their succeeding regimes.

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